

**INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT  
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM**

Property/District Name: Centenary M. P. Church & Cemetery Survey Number: AL-III-C-046/18AG216

Project: US 220 Relocated, access road & parking lot Agency: SHA/FHWA

Site visit by MHT Staff: ☒ no ☐ yes Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Eligibility recommended \_\_\_\_\_ Eligibility **not** recommended ☒

Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

The Centenary M. P. Church and Cemetery is an L-shaped building, with the chancel contained in the main east section and the nave and church offices in the northern wing. Within the corner of the L stands a two-story belfry. The current church was built in 1932 and replaced an earlier church dating to 1866. Originally clad in weatherboard, it is now covered in aluminum siding. The design of the church is typical of the 1870s plans for Methodist churches. Because of its late construction date, the church's forms appear to be anachronistic and awkward. Archeological testing identified a low density scatter of historic artifacts, primarily container fragments and architectural materials, dating from the mid 19th - 20th centuries. Shovel testing recovered the artifacts from fill and plowzone contexts. The survey did not identify any intact archeological features or cultural deposits. The property's archeological component (18AG216) lacks integrity and does not have the ability to provide important information. Based on the survey results, we agree with SHA that the Centenary M. P. Church and Cemetery (AL-III-C-046/18AG216) do not meet the criteria for eligibility in the National Register of Historic Places, as documented in the survey report.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Phase I Cultural Resources Survey for Route 220 at the Centenary Church and Cemetery, Allegany County, Maryland (Rue 1997)

Prepared by: David Rue, Wendy Zug-Gilbert - Archaeological & Historical Consultants, Inc.

*David Rue*  
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

Date 2/11/98

NR program concurrence: ☒ yes ☐ no ☐ not applicable

*Peter R. Kuty*  
Reviewer, NR program

Date 2/19/98

*gmg*

## MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

## I. Geographic Region:

☐ Eastern Shore (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)  
☐ Western Shore (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)  
☐ Piedmont (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)  
☒ Western Maryland (Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

## II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

☐ Paleo-Indian 10000-7500 B.C.  
☐ Early Archaic 7500-6000 B.C.  
☐ Middle Archaic 6000-4000 B.C.  
☐ Late Archaic 4000-2000 B.C.  
☐ Early Woodland 2000-500 B.C.  
☐ Middle Woodland 500 B.C. - A.D. 900  
☐ Late Woodland/Archaic A.D. 900-1600  
☐ Contact and Settlement A.D. 1570-1750  
☐ Rural Agrarian Intensification A.D. 1680-1815  
☒ Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870  
☒ Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930  
☒ Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present  
☐ Unknown Period ( ☐ prehistoric ☐ historic)

## III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

☐ Subsistence  
☐ Settlement  
☐ Political  
☐ Demographic  
☐ Religion  
☐ Technology  
☐ Environmental Adaption

## IV. Historic Period Themes:

☐ Agriculture  
☐ Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning  
☐ Economic (Commercial and Industrial)  
☐ Government/Law  
☐ Military  
☒ Religion  
☐ Social/Educational/Cultural  
☐ Transportation

## V. Resource Type:

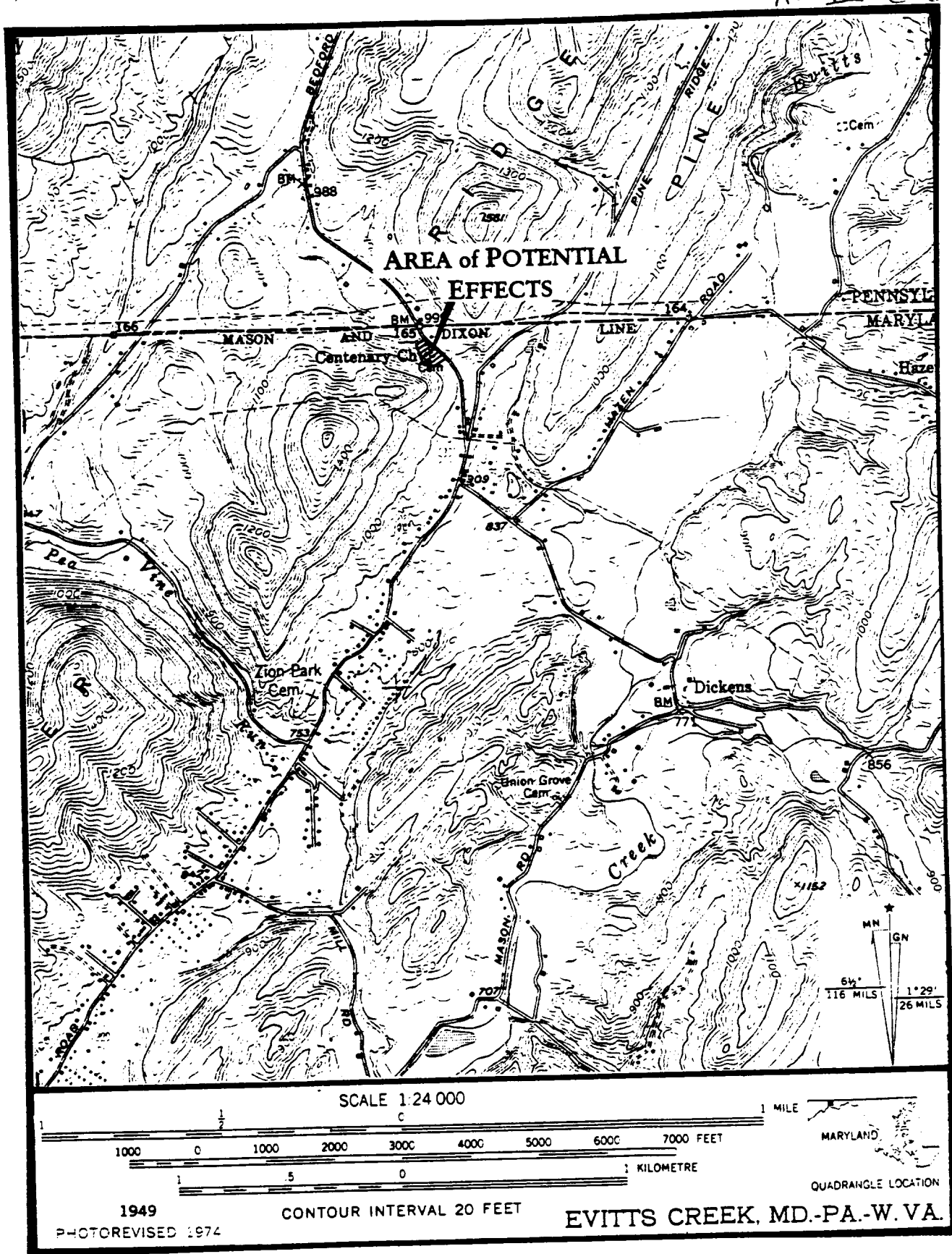
Category: Building, Cemetery, Site

Historic Environment Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): religion/religious facility/church

funerary/cemetery

Known Design Source: None



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Centenary M.P. Church and Cemetery  
Allegany County, Maryland

Centenary M. P. Church and Cemetery are located along the west side of Bedford Road (U.S. Route 220) in Allegany County, Maryland just south of the Pennsylvania state line. The church is a one-story frame Gothic Revival-style structure in an L-shaped plan. This church building, constructed in 1932, replaced an earlier church, which dated to 1866. The gable-front main portion of the building, which houses the chancel, is three bays wide by four bays deep. Extending perpendicularly to the north is a side-gable wing section that is three bays wide by three bays deep, which houses the nave, offices, and meeting rooms. The church has exterior brick chimneys, a poured concrete foundation, and a roof that is covered with asphalt shingles. Pointed-arch windows, both small and large, have stained glass. Several larger windows are divided into six parts by Gothic tracery. A two-story entrance tower and belfry is located on the facade in the crook of the ell; its double doors are surmounted by a pointed-arch, stained-glass transom with the legend "Centenary M. P. Church". Modern alterations to the building include the addition of aluminum siding, a handicapped-accessible ramp on the facade, and a basement level driveway and entrance on the southern gable end.

The cemetery is located to the north, south, and west of the present church and dates to the original church with two burials predating its 1866 construction. The main portion of the cemetery contains approximately 135 burials, with a smaller family plot and a single double burial located to the north of the church. Unmarked burials likely exist. Gravestones date from 1858 to the present. Surnames represent early families in the region, whose descendants are still among the church's congregation.

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MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION  
PLAN DATA STATEWIDE HISTORIC CONTEXT

I. Geographic Organization:

(4) Western Maryland (Washington, Allegany, and Garrett Counties)

II. Chronological/Development Period:

(10) Agricultural-Industrial Transition (1815-1870);

(11) Industrial/Urban Dominance (1870-1930);

(12) Modern Period (1930-present)

III. Prehistoric Period/Historic Period Themes: (6) Religion

IV. Resource Type:

Category: Building and Cemetery

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function and Use: Religion/religious facility/church  
Funerary/cemetery

Known Design Source: None

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. AL-III-C-046

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

### 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Centenary M. P. Church and Cemetery

### 2. Location

street &amp; number 14501 Bedford Road (west side of U.S. 220 south of PA line) not for publication

city, town Cumberland ☒ vicinity of congressional district #34

state Maryland county Allegany

### 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

### 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Centenary Methodist Protestant Church and Cemetery

street &amp; number 14501 Bedford Road (U.S. 220) telephone no.:

city, town Cumberland state and zip code Maryland 21502

### 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Allegany County Courthouse liber 169

street &amp; number Washington Street folio 415

city, town Cumberland state Maryland

### 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Historic American Building Survey (HABS) Inventory (No. AL-99)  
MD Historical Trust, Inventory Form for State Historic Sites Survey (AL-III-C-046)date HABS - Oct. 1970; MHT/MHSI - Feb. 1980 ☐ federal ☒ state ☐ county ☐ local

pository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust

city, town Crownsville state Maryland

## 7. Description

Survey No. AL-III-C-046

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

HISTORIC (pre-1950) RESOURCE COUNT: 2

NON-HISTORIC (post-1950) RESOURCE COUNT: 0

The Centenary M. P. Church is a frame structure, presently clad in aluminum siding, that is L-shaped in plan and faces east. This church building, constructed in 1932, replaced the original church, which dated to 1866. The gable-front main portion of the present building, which houses the chancel, is three bays wide by four bays deep. Extending perpendicularly to the north is a lower section that is three bays wide by three bays deep, which houses the nave, offices, and meeting rooms. Exterior brick chimneys pierce eaves on the rear wall of the gable-front section and on the northern gable end of the wing. The church sits on a poured concrete foundation and has a roof that is covered with asphalt shingles. Pointed-arch windows, both small and large, have stained glass.

On the principal (east) facade, a large window, divided into six parts by Gothic tracery, occupies the central bay of the gable-front section. This large window is flanked by smaller windows on each side. A large tracery window also appears on the southern elevation (occupying the third bay from the left, with the other bays having the smaller stained-glass windows similar to those on the front), and on the western (rear) elevation, where it is flanked by five-over-four "Gothic" sash with large panes of colored glass. A circular window with four panes of clear glass is centered in the facade end gable.

A two-story entrance tower and belfry adjoins the gable-front section (fourth bay from left), filling the crook of the ell; its double doors are surmounted by a pointed-arch, stained-glass transom with the legend "Centenary M. P. Church". Above this, a small stained-glass window, the opening of the belfry, and the crenellation at the top of the tower all repeat the pointed-arch shape. The two front bays of the wing have windows identical to those flanking the tracery window in the gable-front section.

A handicapped-accessible ramp runs laterally along the facade of the gable-front section to the southeast corner at which point it leaves the building and slopes down to the gravel parking lot and then turns again and runs laterally along the parking lot in front of the church to the front walkway. A driveway runs in a cut from the parking lot along the handicapped-accessible ramp to a basement entrance on the church's northern side. The cut has been lined with concrete block walls that are capped by a stepped parapet.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates	Builder/Architect
check: Applicable Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D and/or Applicable Exception: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G Level of Significance: <input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input type="checkbox"/> local	

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Centenary M. P. Church and Cemetery stands on land that John B. Hardinger devised to trustees John J. Smouse, Samuel Woffard, Hiram Hardinger, Francis Growden, et al. in 1866 to be used as a site for a Methodist Protestant Church in the Maryland District.<sup>1</sup> This parcel was originally part of a 102-acre farmstead called the Line Hill Farm, owned by the Smouse family in the earlier part of the nineteenth century.<sup>2</sup> The church was originally part of the Bedford Circuit with the earliest preachers being circuit riders traveling between congregations in both Pennsylvania and Maryland.

John B. Hardinger was a farmer of German descent who owned properties in both Maryland and Pennsylvania, but who himself lived in the latter. Hardinger never lived on his 60-acre portion of the original Line Hill Farm. When he died, the Maryland property was left to son Hiram.<sup>3</sup> Hiram had already been living on and farming the tract, as is evidenced by an 1877 historic township map, which shows both he and his father as occupants of properties in the area.<sup>4</sup> Also shown on this map, just south of the Pennsylvania-Maryland border, is the Methodist church and its one-acre lot.

One month prior to his death in 1898, Hiram Hardinger deeded the same one-acre parcel to the church that his father had deeded over 32 years prior, most likely to quit claim any right that he

<sup>1</sup> Allegany County Land Record 27:386.

<sup>2</sup> Allegany County Land Records 16:79 and 22:579.

<sup>3</sup> Bedford County Will Record 5:61.

<sup>4</sup> Beers & Co., *County Atlas of Bedford, Pennsylvania* (New York: F. W. Beers & Co., 1877).



## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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See continuation sheet

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 3.43Quadrangle name Evitts Creek, MD-PA-WVQuadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A	Zone	Easting	Northing
C			
E			
G			

B	Zone	Easting	Northing
D			
F			
H			

Verbal boundary description and justification

See continuation sheet

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code

state	code	county	code

## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Wendy Zug-Gilbert/Staff Historianorganization Archaeological and Historical Consultants date November 12, 1997street & number 101 N. Pennsylvania Avenuetelephone (814) 364-2135city or town Centre Hallstate Pennsylvania 16828

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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#### 7. Description (continued)

Associated with the church is the Centenary Cemetery. The cemetery extends along the southern, western, and northern sides of the church building. The cemetery appears to have no formal plan, but has evolved to consist of three separate sections--the large main lot that extends along the southern and rear sides of the church, a smaller family lot located off the northeastern corner, and a lone double burial located at the northwestern corner. All of the burials are situated such that the head of the deceased is facing to the east. The burials are marked with headstones, and numerous footstones are also present. Many of the family plots are delineated with corner markers. Gravestones and markers are generally made of marble and granite. Decorative motifs and gravestone styles from all eras are represented. The earliest headstone dates to 1858 with burials continuing to the present. This early stone predates even the original church, indicating that either the lot was the site of an early family burial plot or that the deceased had been moved to this site following the construction of the original church in 1866. One other burial also predated the original church. Surnames represent the earliest families in the region and include Leasure, Drake, Miller, Brotemarkle, Dicken, Patterson, Rice, Growden, Stewart, Fisher, Hardinger, Twigg, White, Daehler, Zembower, Boor, Woffard, Van Horn, and Brant. Veteran's graves from the Civil War, World War I, and World War II are also present.

The main portion of the cemetery contains approximately 135 burials. Several unmarked burials are believed to be located in the larger main cemetery. Also, several unmarked burials are located beneath the northern wing of the present church and beneath the fill that was used to landscape the adjacent portion of the lawn.

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8. Significance (continued)

may have had to the parcel when the farm was left to him by his father's will.<sup>5</sup> In his will, Hardinger gave his son, Theodore, the opportunity to purchase the Line Hill Farm for \$2500, which he did in 1920.<sup>6</sup>

In 1931, this original church was razed to make place for a newer, larger church building. The new church was constructed on the same site as the original by local craftsmen. Stained glass windows were purchased from the Evangelical Church in Hancock for a total of \$600.<sup>7</sup> The new church was dedicated in January 1932. Later that summer, Theodore Hardinger, deeded 3 17/80 acres, including the one-acre parcel the church already owned, to the minister and trustees of the church for \$5.<sup>8</sup> The deed not only granted the additional land but confirmed and quit claimed any right that he might have had to the first tract. This additional land was used for a parking area and to expand the cemetery.

Following the acquisition of this additional land, the Centenary Cemetery expanded to both the south and west (rear) of the church. Although the original church was not constructed until 1866, the two earliest headstones in the cemetery date to 1858 and 1862. These dates may indicate that either the lot was the site of an early family burial plot or that the deceased had been moved to this site after the construction of the church in 1866. Initially, a wooden picket fence formed the northern boundary of the one-acre parcel as can be seen in an historic photograph of the original church in the Sunday School Room of the present church. Both the Centenary M. P. Church and Cemetery continue to serve the local community to the present.

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<sup>5</sup> Allegany County Land Record 85:133.

<sup>6</sup> Allegany County Will Record G:318; Allegany County Land Record 133:268.

<sup>7</sup> Catherine White Purnell, *History of Centenary Methodist Church, 1866-1966*, revised 1976 (Cumberland, Maryland: Centenary United Methodist Church, 1976).

<sup>8</sup> Allegany County Land Record 169:415.

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#### 10. Geographical Data -- Verbal Boundary Description and Justification

The historic property boundary selected for the Centenary M. P. Church and Cemetery follows the current tax parcel for the property. The boundary includes the church, cemetery, parking lot, and surrounding grassy areas. See the included Resource Sketch Map for the historic property boundary delineated for this resource. The description of the parcel in the 1932 deed states,

All that tract lying on the south side of Bedford Road, at the top of Line Hill, where the said Bedford Road crosses Line Hill, near the Mason and Dixon line, but on the south side of same in Allegany County, Election District No. 5, beginning . . . at an iron peg or bar standing about 33 feet southwardly from the center of the concrete on Bedford Road, it being at the end of a reference line drawn from the most northwest corner of the Centenary M. P. Church, situated on a lot hereby described North  $16^{\circ}$  West 199 feet, running thence South  $37\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$  West  $19\frac{1}{2}$  perches and 2 links to a chestnut stump bearing 6 notches, thence South  $55\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$  East 28 perches to a stone pile witnessed by a small dogwood bearing 3 notches on its northeast side, thence North  $55^{\circ}$  East  $13\frac{1}{2}$  perches to a "V" cut in the south side of the concrete of aforementioned Bedford Road, thence West along the south side of said road North  $29\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  West 8 perches, North  $40\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  West  $9\frac{3}{4}$  perches, thence North  $45\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  West 10 perches, thence North  $42\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$  West  $9\frac{3}{4}$  perches to an iron peg or bar standing on the south edge of said Bedford Road, thence leaving said road South  $26\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$  East  $4\frac{3}{4}$  perches and 5 links to beginning.

**HISTORY OF PROPERTY OWNERSHIP  
CENTENARY M.P. CHURCH AND CEMETERY  
(AL-III-C-046)  
ALLEGANY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

<u>Liber:Folio</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Grantor/Grantee</u>
169:415	September 1, 1932	Theodore B. & Sarah E. Hardinger to Minister & Trustees of Centenary Methodist Protestant Church and Cemetery. Note: lot of 3 17/80 acres for \$5, which includes smaller lot given to church previously by his father H. Hardinger.
133:268	May 14, 1920	Estate of Hiram Hardinger (executor: John T. Hardinger) to Theodore Hardinger. Note: 4 tracts for \$2500, including 60-acre farm (excluding church lot of 1 acre).
Will G:318 (Allegany Co.)	December 9, 1898 (probated)	Will of Hiram Hardinger. Item: opportunity for son Theodore to purchase farm for \$2500 (following death of his mother).
85:133	November 2, 1898	Hiram & Hester A. Hardinger to Trustees of the Centenary Methodist Protestant Church. Note: 1-acre lot for \$1.
Will 5:61 (Bedford Co.)	no date	Will of John B. Hardinger. Item: the 60-acre "Line Hill Farm" to son Hiram.
27:386	December 20, 1866	John B. & Mary Hardinger to Trustees of Methodist Protestant Church (trustees: John J. Smouse, Samuel Woffard, Hiram Hardinger, Francis Growden, and the Superintendent of Bedford Circuit). Note: 1-acre lot to be used for a Methodist Protestant Church in the Maryland District.
24:247	March 7, 1866	Henry & Margaret Ann Dicken to John B. Hardinger. Note: 60-acre tract for \$2480.
22:579	April 3, 1865	John J. & Sarah E. Smouse to Henry Dicken. Note: 60-acre tract for \$650.
16:79	December 27, 1856	Estate of Henry Smouse (executor: Peter Smouse) to son John Smouse. Note: farm of 102 acres for \$900 at public sale on October 27, 1849.

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Centenary M. P. Church

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

West Side of U.S. 220 (Bedford Rd.) South of Pa. Line

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

X VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany County

**3 CLASSIFICATION****CATEGORY**

☐ DISTRICT  
☒ BUILDING(S)  
☐ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

☐ PUBLIC  
☒ PRIVATE  
☐ BOTH

**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

☒ OCCUPIED  
☐ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

**ACCESSIBLE**

☒ YES: RESTRICTED  
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
☐ NO

**PRESENT USE**

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM  
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK  
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☒ RELIGIOUS  
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE.  
 REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
 SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

AL-III-C-046

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

This frame church, presently clad in aluminum siding, is L-shaped in plan and faces east. The plan consists of a three-bay-wide by four-bay-deep gable-front section, with a lower three-bay-wide, three-bay-deep perpendicular wing extending to the north. On the principal (east) facade, a large pointed-arch stained glass window, divided into six parts by Gothic tracery, occupies the central bay of the gable-front section, flanked by a smaller pointed-arch stained-glass window on each side. A circular window with four panes of clear glass is centered in the rear of the gable. A two-story entrance tower and belfry adjoins the gable-front section (fourth bay from left), filling the crook of the "L; its double doors are surmounted by a pointed-arch, stained glass transom with the legend "Centenary M.P. Church", Above this, a small stained-glass window, the opening of the belfry, and the crenellation at the top of the tower all repeat the pointed-arch shape. The two front bays of the wing hold windows identical to those flanking the tracery window in the gable-front section.

A tracery window also appears on the south facade (occupying the third bay from the left, with the others holding smaller stained-glass windows similar to those on the front), and on the west, where it is flanked by 5/4 "Gothic" sash with large panes of colored glass.

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**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

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SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This building is significant as a rural vernacular church embodying characteristics of the Gothic Revival.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

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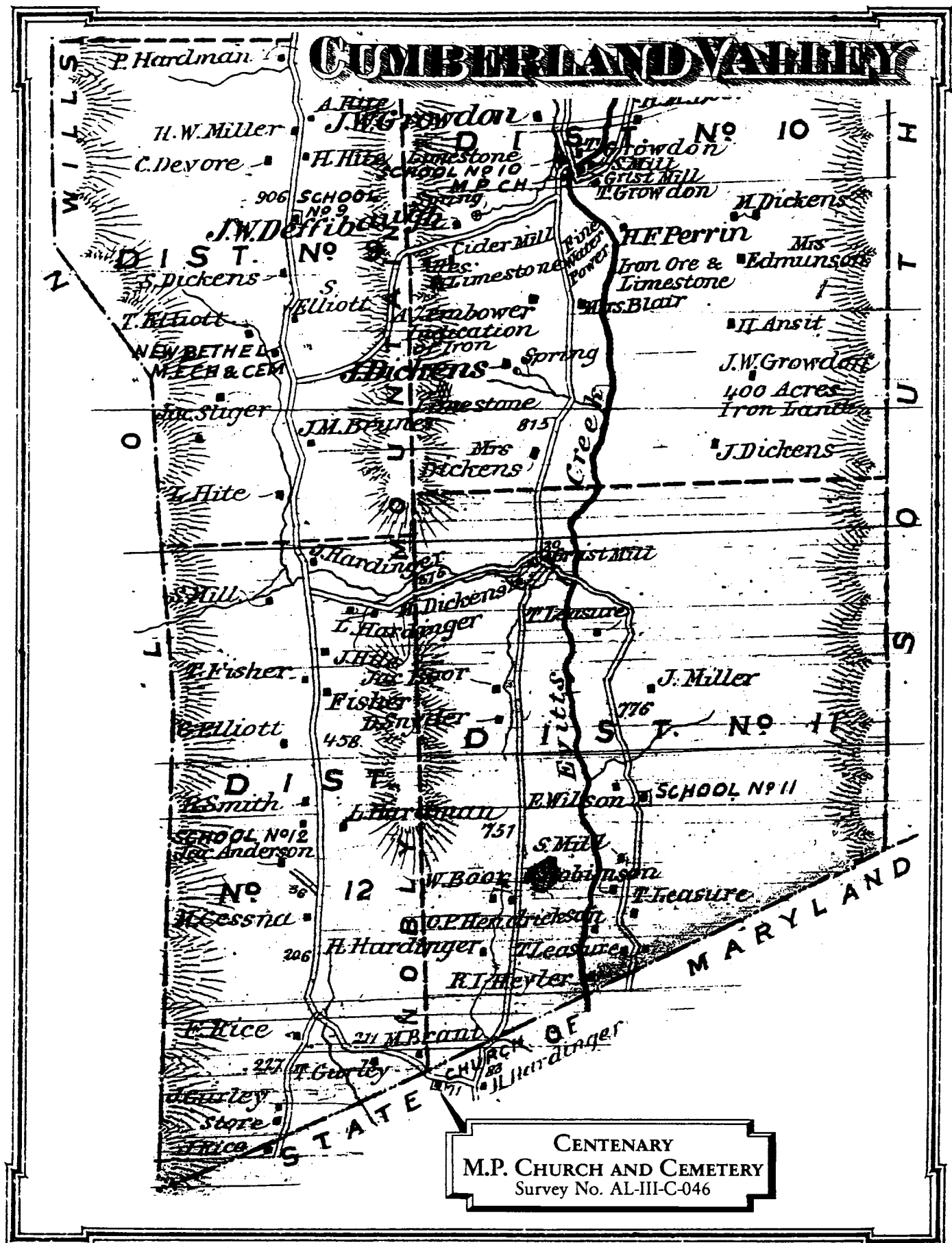
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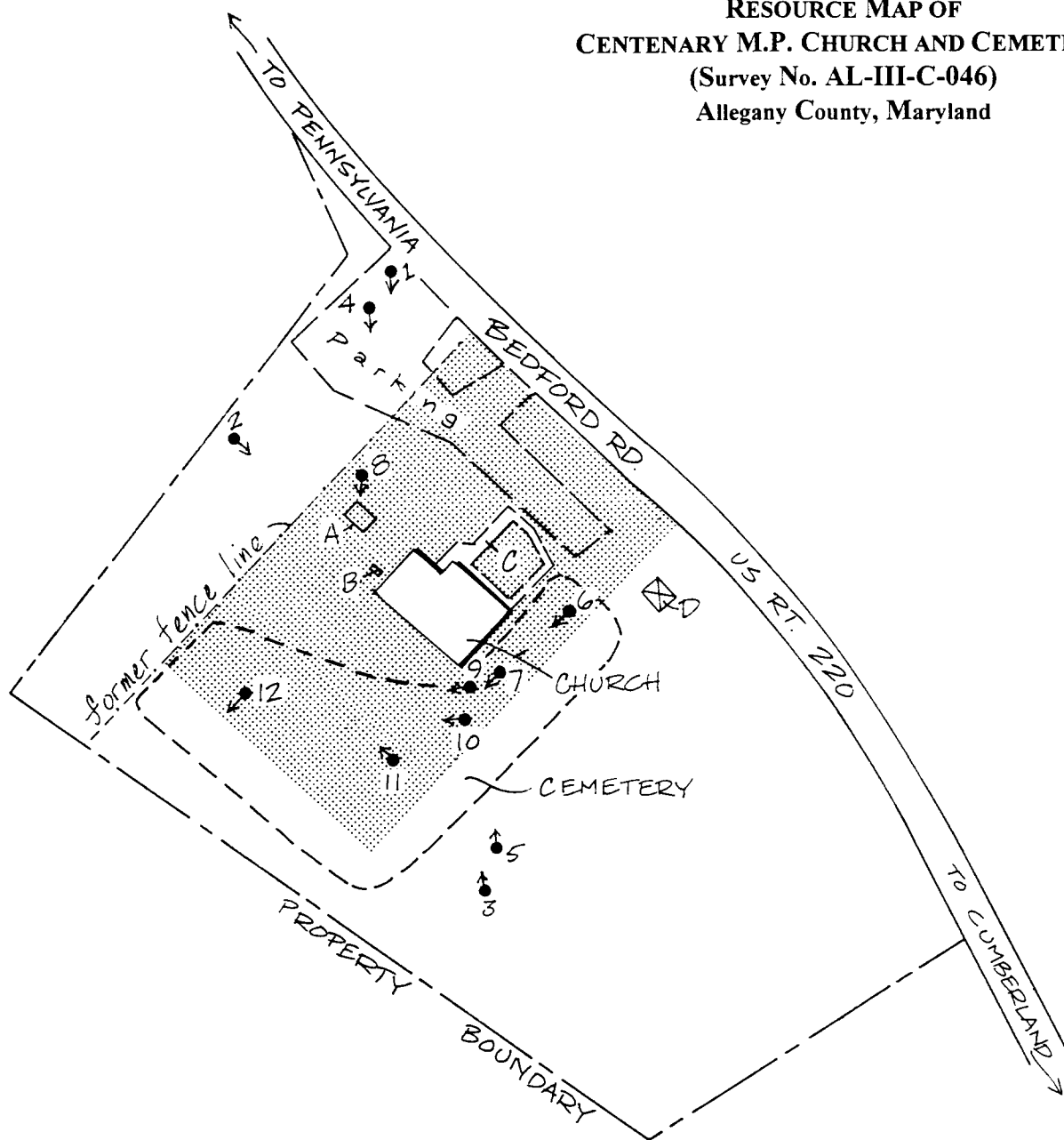
1. STATE <u>Maryland</u> COUNTY <u>Allegany</u> <u>Mason-Dixon line</u> TOWN <u>Allegany</u> VICINITY <u>Md---Pa.</u> STREET NO. <u>Route 220--Bedford Road</u> ORIGINAL OWNER <u>John E. Hardinger</u> ORIGINAL USE <u>land</u> PRESENT OWNER <u>Centenary Church</u> PRESENT USE <u>Religious; cemetery</u> WALL CONSTRUCTION <u>Frame</u> NO. OF STORIES <u>1 and basement</u>		HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY <u>42-499</u>	
2. NAME <u>Centenary Methodist Church</u> DATE OR PERIOD <u>1866</u> STYLE ARCHITECT BUILDER		3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE	
4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION <span style="float: right;">OPEN TO PUBLIC <u>Yes</u></span> <p>           1866-organized.            1866-John Benson Hardinger (1800-1872)-son/George (Katherine Hootman)                gave title to land "for the first M.E. Church inside Md. line"                Bk. 27, p. 386            1899-Rev. Hiram A. Hardinger (18-1-1899)--widow gave title to land                Centenary Church.                Bk. 85, p. 133            Theodore Hardinger (1871-1936)-"Land to add to cemetery".         </p>			
5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE <u>Endangered</u> <span style="margin-left: 100px;">Interior <u>V. Good</u></span> <span style="margin-left: 100px;">Exterior <u>Excellent</u></span>			
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;">  <p>6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)</p> </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p>7. PHOTOGRAPH</p> </div> </div>			
8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC. <u>Church history and Court records</u> <u>recorded in 1953 by Hazel G.</u> <u>Hansrote, whose son, Dr. Charles</u> <u>J. Hansrote, Jr. m. Melva Hardinger</u> <u>in this church June 12, 1953.</u>		9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER <u>Hazel Groves Hansrote, Chairman</u> <u>Maryland Historical Trust</u> <u>Sec. Preservation Society</u> <u>Allegany County</u> <u>Oct. 20, 1970</u> DATE OF RECORD	

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AND PHOTOGRAPHS MAY BE ADDED ON SHEET OF SAME SIZE



CUMBERLAND VALLEY TOWNSHIP, BEDFORD COUNTY  
(from Beers & Co. 1877)

RESOURCE MAP OF  
CENTENARY M.P. CHURCH AND CEMETERY  
(Survey No. AL-III-C-046)  
Allegheny County, Maryland



KEY ● = PHOTO VIEWPOINT

■ = APPROXIMATE 1898 DEED  
DESCRIPTION CENTENARY  
M.P. CHURCH PROPERTY

A = FAMILY PLOT

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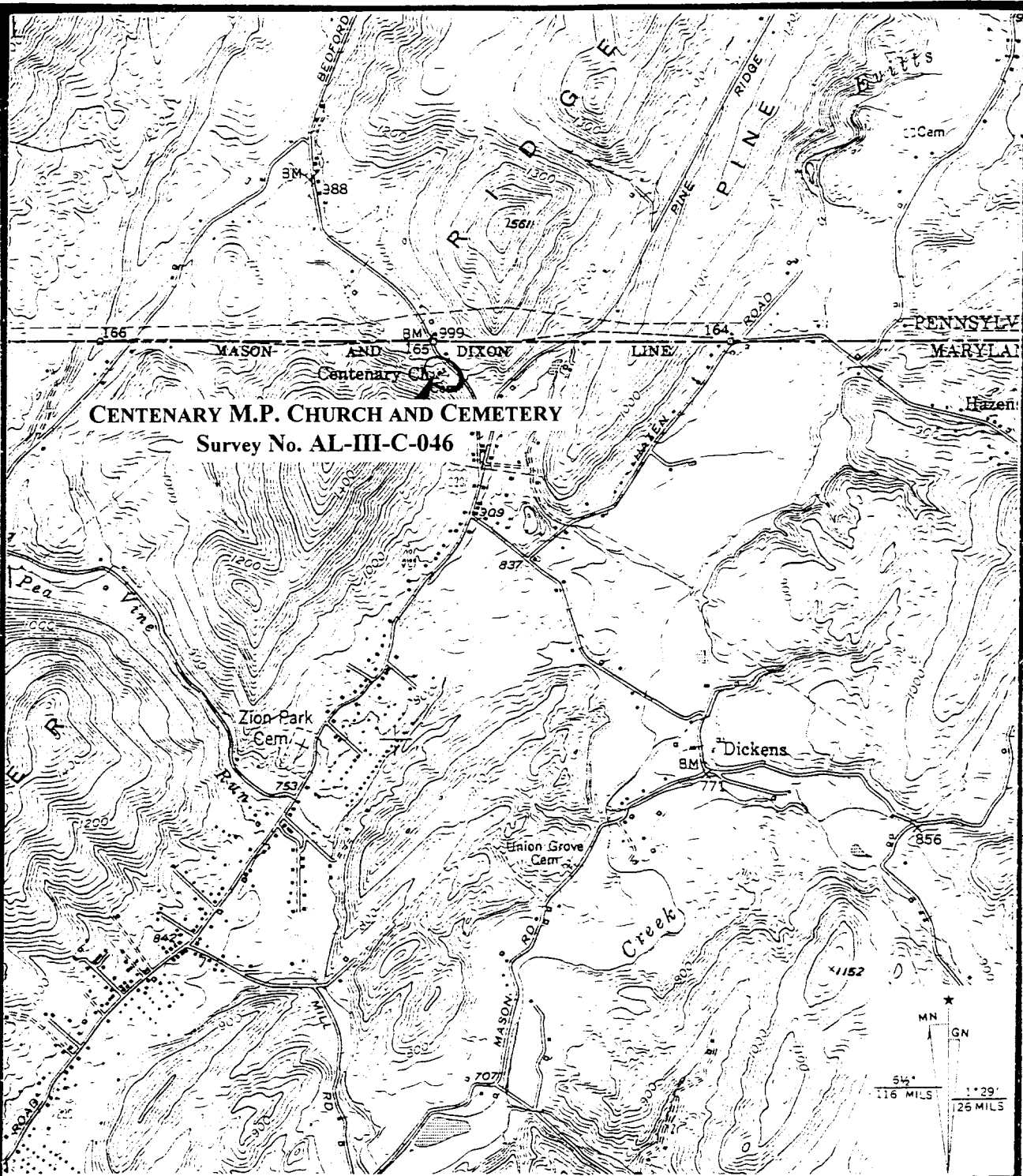
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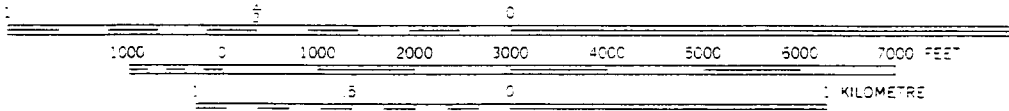
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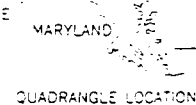
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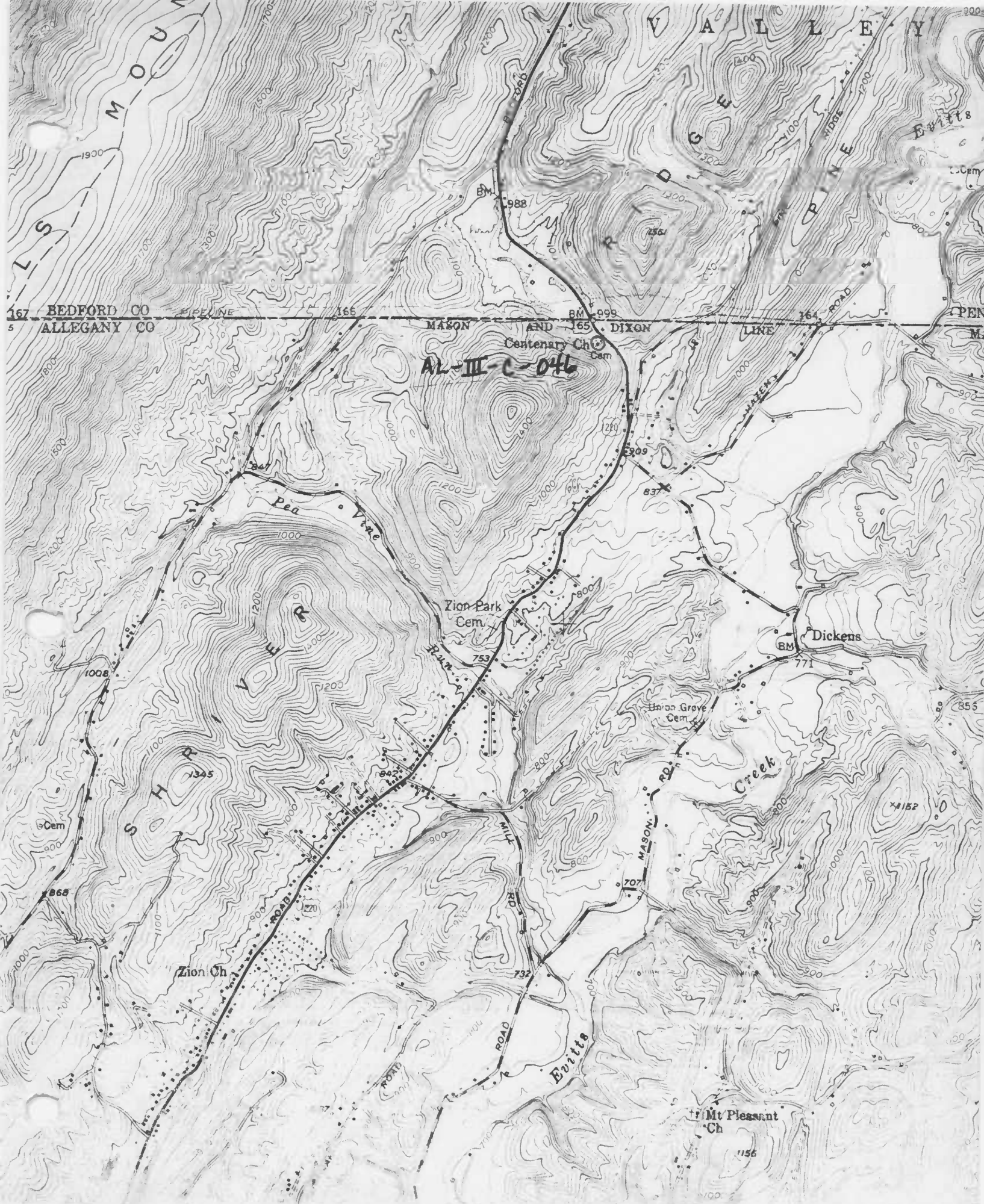


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EVITTS CREEK QUAD





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CENTENARY M.P. CHURCH & CEMETERY

ALLEGANY COUNTY, MARYLAND

WENDY ZUG-GILBERT 10-97

A: HC - 101 N. PA AVENUE, CENTRE HALL, PA

FACADE (NE) & NW ELEVATIONS OF CHURCH



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Centenary M.P. Church & Cemetery

Allegheny County, Maryland

Wendy Zvg-Gilbert 10-97

A:HC - 101 N Pa Ave., Centre Hall, PA

NW elevation of church with small family plot in foreground and the single double burial by the side door steps.



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Centenary M.P. Church & Cemetery

Alleghany County, Maryland

Wendy Zug-Gilbert 10-97

A & HC - 101 N. PA Ave, Centre Hall, PA

Rear (SW) & SE elevations of church showing side  
entrance & handicapped-accessible ramp.



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Centenary M.P. Church & Cemetery

Allegheny County, Maryland

Wendy Zug-Ellbert 10-97

A. HC - 101 N. PA Ave., Centre Hall, PA

View of back part of cemetery from Bedford Road  
(U.S. 220) looking south.





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Centenary M.P. Church's Cemetery

Allegheny County, Maryland

Wendy Zug-Gilbert 10-97

A. He - 101 N. PA Ave., Centre Hall, PA

View of Southern portion of cemetery, looking  
north toward Bedford Road (U.S. 220).



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Centenary M.P. Church & Cemetery

Alleghany County, Maryland

Wendy Zug-Gilbert 10-97

A. He - 101 N. PA Ave., Centre Hall, PA

View of southern portion of Cemetery showing  
Variety of stones, looking southwest.



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Centenary M.P. Church & Cemetery

Alleghany County, Maryland

Wendy Zug-Gilbert 10.97

A:HC - 101 N PA Ave, Centre Hall, PA

General view of cemetery showing variety of  
stones, facing southwest.



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Centenary M.P. Church: Cemetery  
Allegany County, Maryland

Wendy Zug-Gilbert 10.97

A: HC - 101 N. PA Ave, Centre Hall, PA

View of small family plot to the north west  
of church, looking south.





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Centenary M.P. Church & Cemetery

Allegheny County, Maryland

Wendy Zwig-Gilbert 10-97

A.S. HC - 101 N. PA Ave., Centre Hall, PA

Earliest gravestone in cemetery - George Morgart  
(died 1858), located south of church, looking SW



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Centenary M.P. Church & Cemetery  
Alleghany County, Maryland

Wendy Zug-Gilbert 10-97

A: Hc - 101 N. PA Ave., Centre Hall, PA

Arched-top Victorian-era gravestone of  
Mary Hardinger (died March 1873), located  
SW of church, looking west.



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Centenary M.P. Church : Cemetery  
Allegheny County, Maryland

Wendy Zug-Gibert 10-97

A<sup>s</sup>. HC - 101 N. PA Ave, Centre Hall, PA

Victorian-era obelisk-type gravestone of  
Hiram Hardinger (died Nov. 1898), located  
SW of church, looking NW.



EDWIN H.  
PATTERSON  
MAY 20, 1892  
FEB. 1, 1972

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Alltany County, Maryland

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A&HC - 101 N PA Ave, Centre Hall, PA

Gravestones of WWI veteran Capt. Irving Patterson  
(1892 - 1932), located in back part of  
cemetery, looking SW.





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CENTENARY M. P. CHURCH  
EAST (FRONT) FACADE

P. KURTZE 11/79



CENTENARY METHODIST CHURCH

1866 - 1966

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Land to add to cemetery -

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who m. Dr. Chas. J. Hansrote JUNE 12-1953-  
IN  
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